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Washington, D. C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2002, Applicant responds to the restriction requirement as follows:

In the Restriction Requirement the claims were divided into two groups. The Office Action asserts each group represents a distinct invention.

Group I - Claim 10 drawn to a foldable electronic device; and

Group II - Claims 11-14 drawn to a flexible cable.

Applicant elects Group II, claims 11-14 for further prosecution on the merits.

The Office Action has further restricted the application as containing claims directed to patently distinct species of the claimed invention. The figures have been grouped as follows:

Species 1: Figures 12-14; Species 2: Figure 18-20; Species 3: Figure 21.

Applicant elects Species I, Figures 12-14, with traverse. Claims 11-14 are readable on Species I, Figures 12-14.

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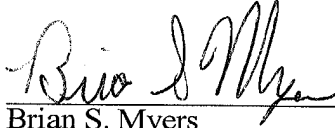
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Attached hereto are sketches of Figures 12a, 12b, 12c and 13 marked to point out the features supporting claims 11-14.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 11-14 are all readable on the elected Species I, and also readable on the Species II Figures 18-20. Attached Sketch of Figure 19 shows supporting features for claims 11-14. Claims 11-14 recite means for realizing at least Species I and II and are generic in at least that respect. It is respectfully requested the Examiner reconsider the assertion that no claims are generic and requiring the election of a single species.

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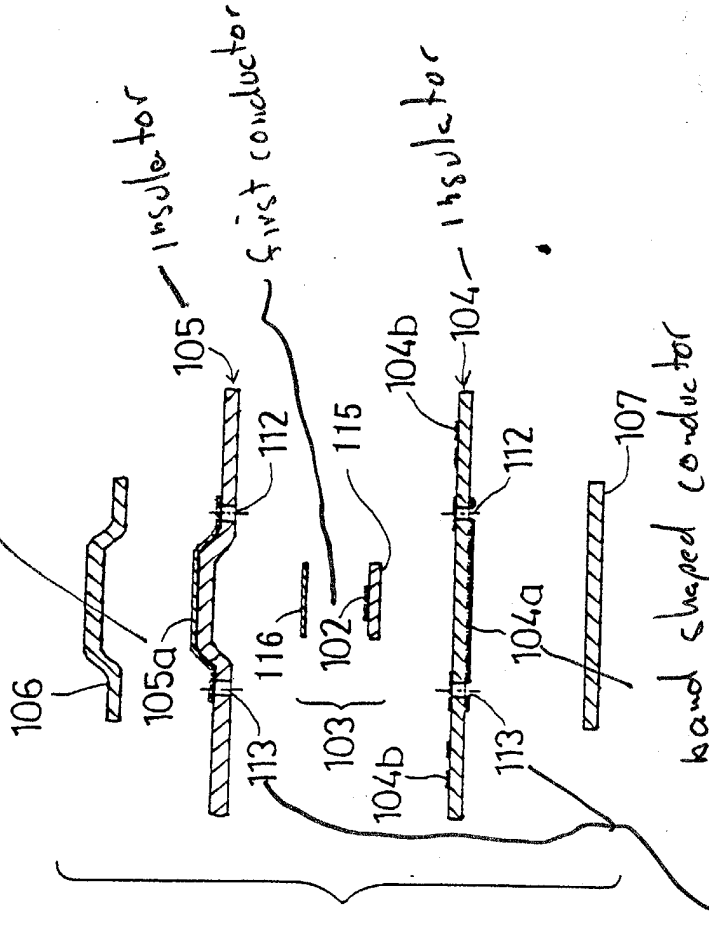
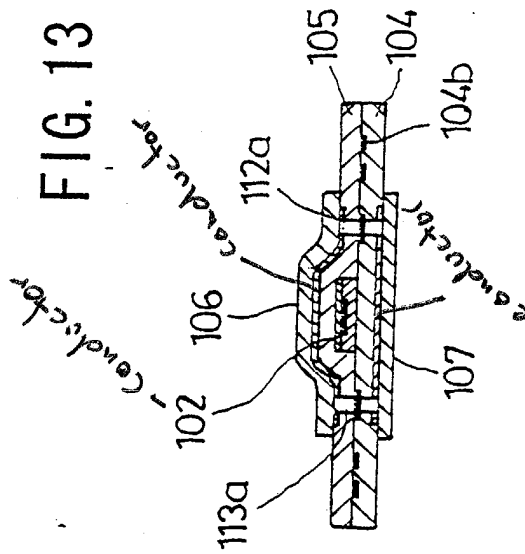
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Example  
Sketch

claims 11 & 12

band shaped conductor

FIG. 13



through-holes

Example  
Sketch claim 13

FIG. 12A

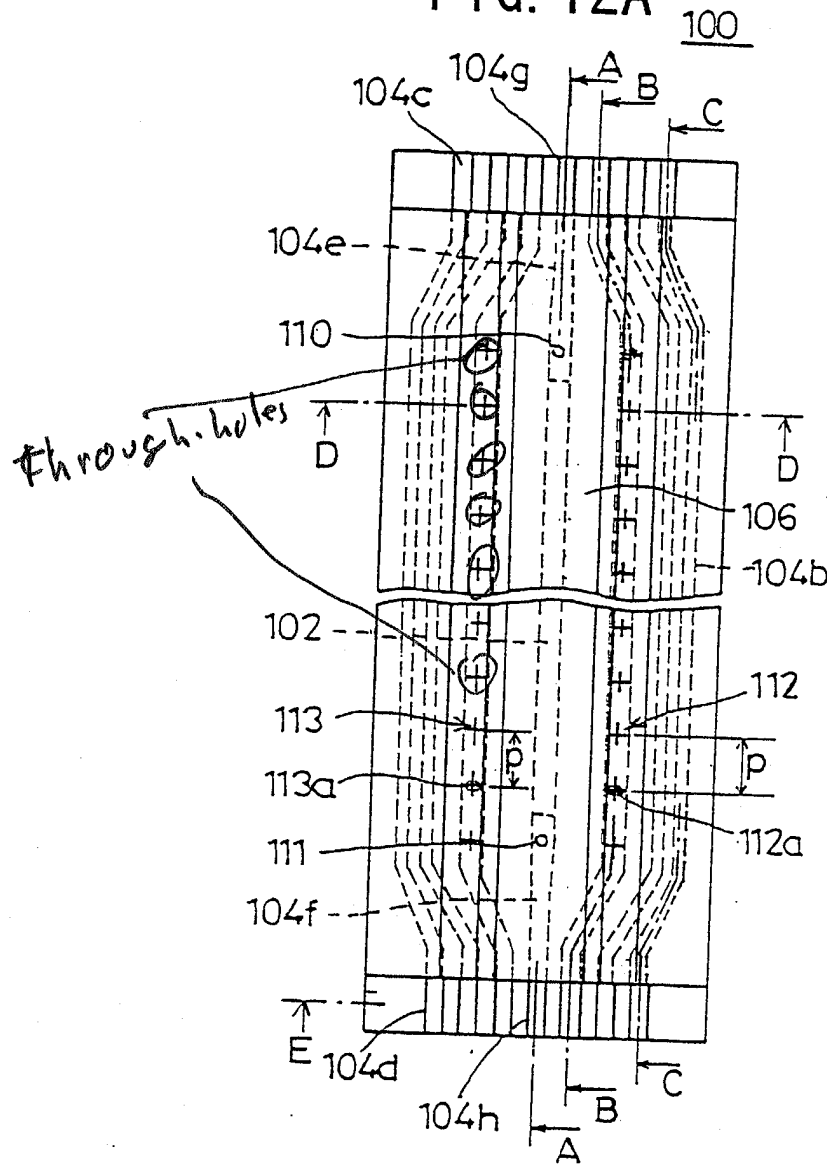


FIG. 12B

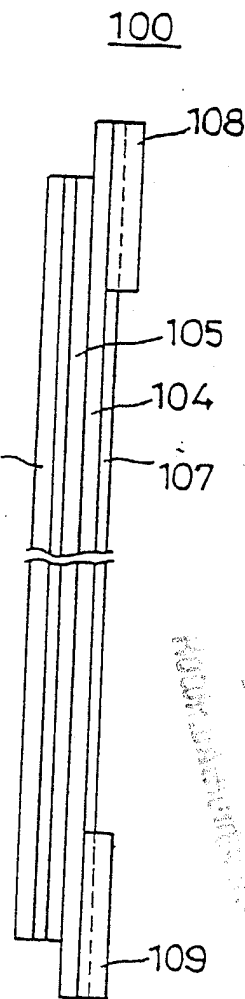
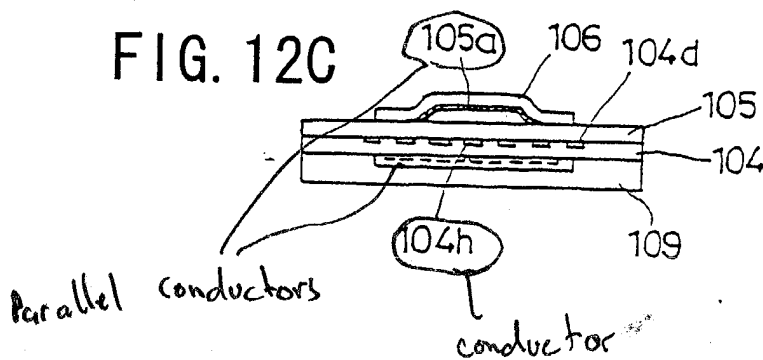
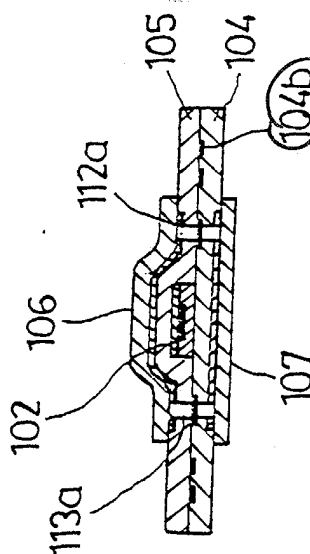


FIG. 12C

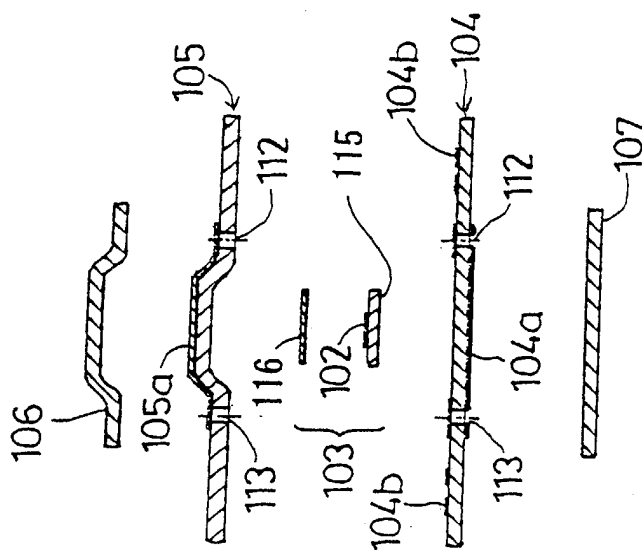


Example sketch claim 14

FIG. 13

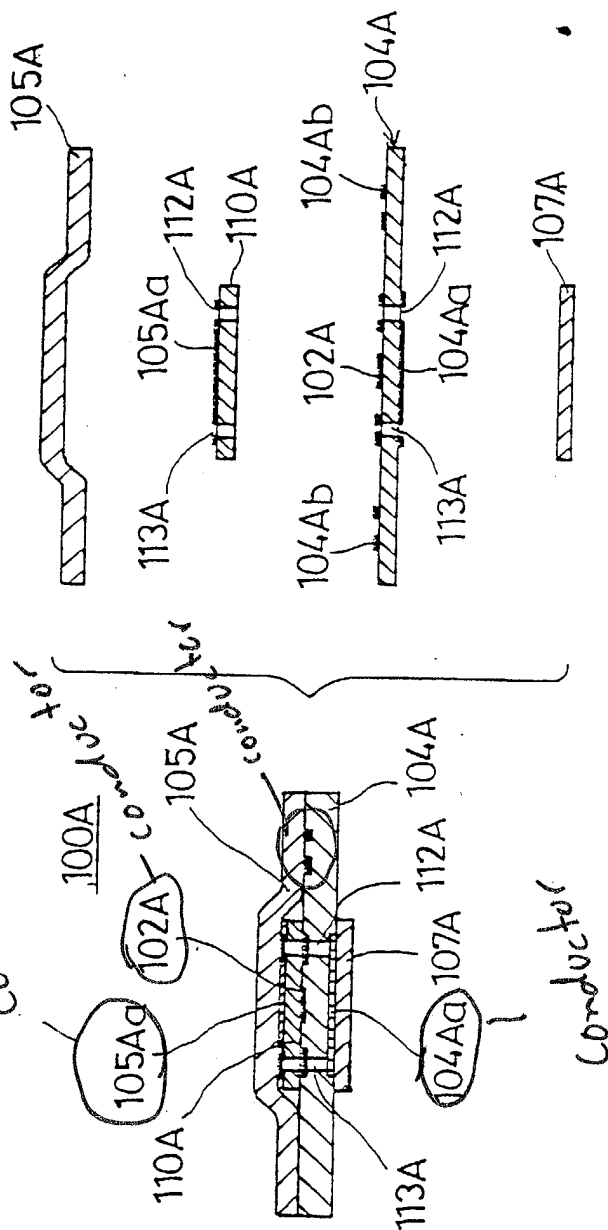


Signal wiring part



Supports claims 11-14

FIG. 19



QUESTION

1. What is the main purpose of the study?
2. What are the research objectives?
3. What is the significance of the study?
4. What is the scope of the study?
5. What is the methodology used?
6. What are the data sources?
7. What are the results of the study?
8. What are the conclusions of the study?
9. What are the limitations of the study?
10. What are the future research directions?

ANSWER

1. The main purpose of the study is to investigate the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable.
2. The research objectives are to identify the factors that influence the dependent variable and to determine the extent of the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable.
3. The significance of the study is that it provides new insights into the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable.
4. The scope of the study is limited to the specific variables and the specific population being studied.
5. The methodology used is a quantitative approach, specifically a survey design.
6. The data sources are the responses from the participants in the survey.
7. The results of the study show a positive relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable.
8. The conclusions of the study are that the independent variable has a significant positive effect on the dependent variable.
9. The limitations of the study are that the sample size is small and the study is correlational, so it cannot establish causation.
10. The future research directions are to conduct a larger study and to use an experimental design to establish causation.

CONCLUSION

1. The study has shown that the independent variable has a significant positive effect on the dependent variable.
2. The study has also identified the factors that influence the dependent variable.
3. The study has provided new insights into the relationship between the independent variable and the dependent variable.
4. The study has identified the limitations of the study and the future research directions.
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